

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1982.

Approved May 20, 1982.

CHAPTER 278

(Senate Bill 499)

AN ACT concerning

The Practice of Nurse Midwifery

FOR the purpose of providing certain laws to govern the practice of nurse midwifery until a certain date or until certain regulations to govern the practice of nurse midwifery become effective; providing for the joint promulgation of rules governing nurse midwifery under certain circumstances; generally relating to the practice of nurse midwifery; and providing for the emergency effectiveness of this Act.

Preamble

WHEREAS, Chapter 582 of the Acts of 1978 enacted certain provisions of law regulating the practice of nurse midwifery and included certain provisions providing for the renewal of the licenses of midwifery licensed under the previous law on the subject; and

WHEREAS, Chapters 8 and 9 of the Acts of 1981 enacted certain provisions of law regulating the practice of nurse midwifery and included certain provisions relating to the practice of nurse midwifery by those who were licensed to practice under the previous law on the subject; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 614 of the Acts of 1981 enacted certain provisions of law regulating the practice of nurse midwifery and repealed the previous law on the subject; and

WHEREAS, The provisions of Chapter 614 of the Acts of 1981 cannot be implemented until certain regulations are promulgated; and

WHEREAS, Emergency regulations for the purpose of implementing Chapter 614 of the Acts of 1981 were rejected on January 14, 1982, by the Joint Committee on Administrative, Executive and Legislative Review on the grounds that they needed further work; and

WHEREAS, The practice of nurse midwifery is now being undertaken without benefit of legal governance; and